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SUMMARY: UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS IN PROCESS OF
SEEKING OPPORTUNITY VISIT JAPAN TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO
GOJ IN FAVOR OF CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC FROM DEVELOPMENT
AID FUNDS. MISSION SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT REQUEST
AMEMBASSY TOKYO TO ENCOURAGE GOJ TO RECEIVE HIM AND TO
BE GENEROUS IN CONTRIBUTING DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS TO
ASSIST UNFDAC WITH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DESIGNED TO
ELIMINATE ILLICIT NARCOTICS PRODUCTION. END SUMMARY.

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROR REXED OF THE UN FUND FOR
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DRUG ABUSE CONTROL WROTE AMB. SAWAKI OF THE JAPANESE
MISSION IN GENEVA ON MAY 24, AS A FOLLOW-UP TO HIS
PREDECESSOR'S APPEAL LAST YEAR FOR DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TOWARDS THE FINANCING OF
UNFDAC INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA. AFTER REFERRING TO LAST FALL'S UNGA RESOLUTION
FAVORING THE REDUCTION OF ILLICIT CRDPS AS A STRENGTHENED

MANDATE FOR THE UNFDAC TO ACT IN COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, THE LETTER DESCRIBES THE SUCCESS OF THE CROP SUBSTITUTION PILOT PROJECT IN THAILAND AND EXPLAINS THAT UNFDAC IS NOW ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE PILOT PROJECTS' RESULTS TO A LARGER AREA OF NORTHERN THAILAND.

2. LETTER POINTS OUT NEED FOR INCREASED FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF ABOVE-MENTIONED UNGA RESOLUTION AND DESCRIBES UNFDAC APPROACHES TO GOVERNMENTS IN ASIAN/OCEANIA REGION, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BENEFIT FROM REDUCED SUPPLY OF ILLICIT OPIUM, WITH RENEWED APPEALS FOR DEVELOPMENT FUND ASSISTANCE. LETTER STATES THAT REXED RECENTLY VISITED AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, WHERE HIS PROPOSALS "MET WITH GREAT INTEREST. IT STATES BOTH GOVERNMENTS PLEDGED INCREASED SUPPORT TO UNFDAC. IT ALSO REFERS TO NORWEGIAN US \$5.5 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS UNFDAC/BURMA PROJECT. LETTER CONCLUDES WITH EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN DISCUSSING WITH GOJ THE POSSIBILITY OF SIMILAR FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND STATES DR. REXED WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT JAPAN, POSSIBLY DURING LATTER HALF OF SEPTEMBER 1978.

3. COMMENT: WITH U.S. ENCOURAGEMENT, JAPAN HAS PROVIDED STEADY SUPPORT OF US \$200,000 PER YEAR TO UNFDAC DURING YEARS 1973-77. TO MAKE MAJOR IMPACT IN NARCOTICS GROWING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AREAS, HOWEVER, UNFDAC WILL NEED FUNDS ON GRANDER SCALE. U.S. STRONGLY SUPPORTS CONCEPT THAT DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS ARE AN APPROPRIATE SOURCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFDAC TO FINANCE INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE PRODUCTION OF NARCOTICS. MISSION SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT ASK AMEMBASSY TOKYO TO ENCOURAGE GOJ OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS, TO RECEIVE DR. REXED AND TO BE GENEROUS IN CONTRIBUTING DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS TO PERMIT UNFDAC TO SPONSOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE ILLICIT NARCOTICS PRODUCTION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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